

ACTOR DIES FOR HIS PET KANGAROO; 100 STAGE ANIMALS KILLED IN FIRE

White Cat Saves Its Life by Leap; Blaze a Mystery

One of the real life dramas that are stranger than fiction was enacted today when a man gave up his life in a futile attempt to save his trained pet kangaroo in a three-alarm fire that gutted the theatrical "animal boarding house" at 609-611 West 46th Street and destroyed more than 100 animals.

The creatures for years had "starred on the big time," and were housed there by their owners between vaudevilles "lay offs." The value of the dead animals was placed at \$500,000.

The man's charred body was identified as that of Thomas Collins. Besides it lay the body of the kangaroo. With his last breath he had thrown his coat and arm protectingly about the dead animal.

Blast Rocks Neighborhood

Just how the fire started is not known. There was a terrific explosion that rocked the neighborhood and broke windows in all nearby buildings. And then seemingly from every floor poured forth flames that enveloped the entire building.

On the fourth and fifth floors were trained bears, roosters, a kangaroo, dogs, cats, pigeons—all stars in what the Rialto calls "the dumb acts."

The news reached the Rialto in a flash and soon on foot and by speeding taxi came the owners of the trapped pets. The first to reach the scene was Mrs. Adelaide Hermann, widow of Hermann The Great.

Huddled on Ledge

Through the smoke and fire there could be seen a pure white cat huddled on the burning ledge on the fourth floor. The frightened little animal was uncertain what to do—and then catching sight of her beloved mistress, leaped straight for the arms of Mrs. Hermann.

The cat missed by a small margin but, true to its heritage of nine lives, it escaped unhurt. Grimed as it was, Mrs. Hermann swept up the white bundle of fur and showered tears upon it. This cat was the only survivor.

On the third floor, when the mysteriour fire started, was Albert A. Friend. On the floor above he had his trained dogs. He raced for the stairs, but flames beat him back.

He jerked open the elevator door. The car was at the foot of the elevator shaft. He leaped for the elevator cable and, hand over hand, climbed the elevator cable to the

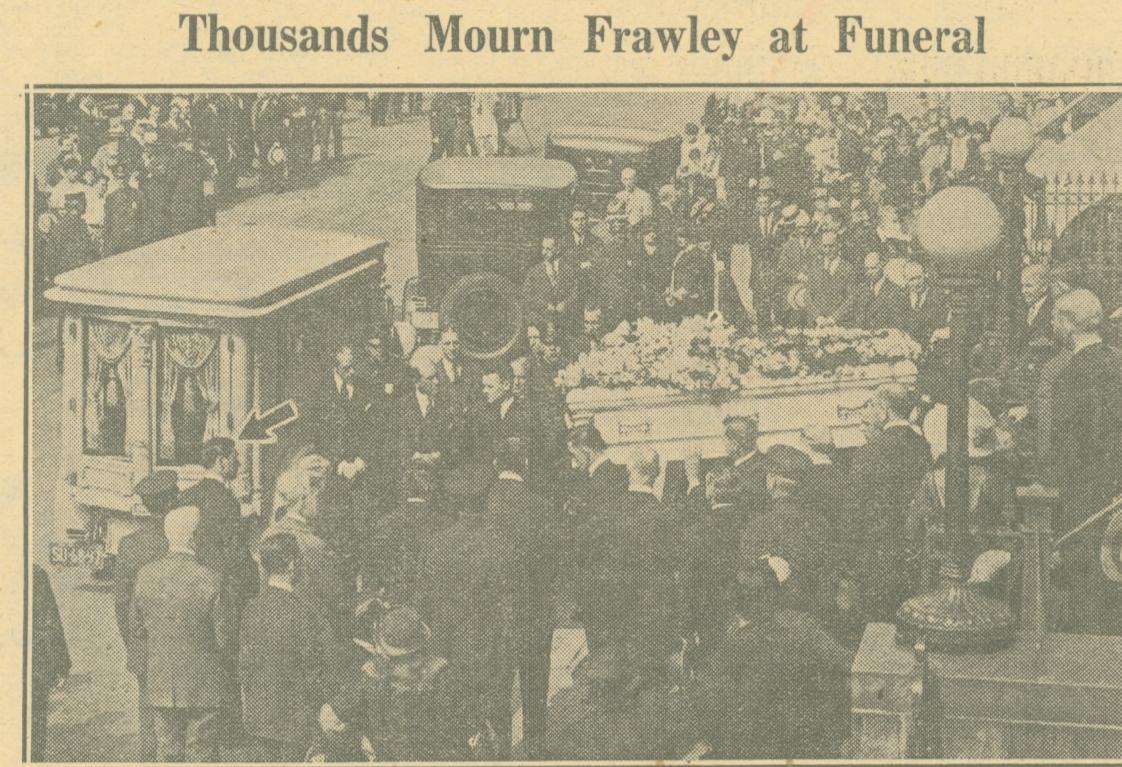
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Panic on Coney Bus As Smoker Causes Fire

A cigarette carelessly dropped on the running board of a sightseeing bus early today at Bay 47th Street and Harway Avenue, in the Ulmer Park section of Brooklyn, started a fire which destroyed the vehicle and threw twenty passengers into a near panic.

Returning from Coney Island, George Viede of 307 East 124th St., Manhattan, stopped at a filling station for gasoline, some of which flowed onto the running board. A few minutes later a passenger tossed a cigarette out. It landed in a pool of the liquid.

There was a flare and the men



OFFICIAL NEW YORK, almost to a man, today attended the funeral of the late James J. Frawley, Tammany leader and Democratic political power, who was buried in Calvary Cemetery. Photo shows the casket being carried from the home at 180 East 95th St., by the pallbearers. Among the mourners present were Mayor Walker (indicated by arrow). Services were held in the Church of St. Francis de Sales. The church and street were thronged with mourners.

What? No Spuds? Cry 2, and Wreck Lunch Counter

French fried potatoes are as necessary an adjunct to a plate of bacon and eggs as a bathing suit is to a swimmer.

At least that is the view held by James O'Hara, 25, a plasterer, of 345 West 4th St., and Patrick Hantley, 25, waiter, of 233 East 39th St., according to a story told today in Yorkville Court, where each paid a \$25 fine as a sort of premium on this opinion.

Because they were not served with the potatoes, it was alleged, the pair plastered Arthur Thomas, counter man, with the bacon and accompanying eggs, and then proceeded to wreck the Coffee Pot Restaurant at 754 3d Ave.

When Patrolman Duffy reached the scene he found a broken icebox, a cracked marble counter, smashed glassware and chairs.

LEAGUE VOTES TOMORROW ON ADMITTING GERMANY

GENEVA, Sept. 7 (By U. P.)—Final vote upon the report of the committee which considered and approved Germany's admission to the League of Nations probably will be taken tomorrow, it was announced today when the seventh assembly of the league adjourned for the day.

Thousands Mourn Frawley at Funeral

Cop Shot as Thugs Seize \$11,300 Payroll and Flee

Patrolman Terrence Gunning of the East Orange police department was shot and seriously injured today when he attempted to foil the daring daylight hold-up by five men of a colored messenger for the Ward Baking Company whom he was guarding.

Walter L. Van Sickle, assistant cashier at the Amperg Bank, East Orange, who also was guarding Richard Foster, the messenger, engaged in a pistol duel with three of the five men who escaped uninjured in a large touring car with the \$11,300 payroll.

Two wads from a sawed-off shotgun entered Gunning's back. His hand still was tugging at the revolver in his hip pocket when he was picked up.

"Kidding," He Thinks

As the trio neared the Ward offices three men leaped from the car and ordered "Hands up!"

"They're only kidding," Gunning cautioned. "Hang on to the bag."

He had not seen the car behind him, containing two other men. There were two reports. He fell. Then a third shot.

The other men opened fire,

Kautzmann May Expose Milk Graft To Ease Sentence

Indications that Frederick W. Kautzmann, convicted of bribery following the \$3,000,000 milk grafting investigation, might make startling disclosures in an effort to lighten his sentence were seen today by Acting District Attorney Pecora.

"I hope that Kautzmann has seen the light and will come through with his entire story," he said. "It appears he may do this."

When Kautzmann was arraigned for sentence today before Judge Max S. Levine in General Sessions, his attorney, William P. Thomas, asked for a week's adjournment. It was granted. Thomas explained he wished to get "certain information from his client about his past life."

Frawley Funeral Is Attended by Son Of Estranged Wife

The son whom he had not seen since infancy twenty-four years ago, was chief mourner at the funeral today of former Senator James J. Frawley, Public Administrator of New York, Tammany leader and the father of legalized boxing in this state.

James J. Frawley, Jr., whose mother separated from the politician in 1902, did not visit his father's residence at 180 East 95th St., but went directly to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis de Sales, 96th Street, near Lexington Avenue, where Mgr. John F. Brady officiated at a solemn high requiem mass.

What might be termed all of official New York gathered at the Frawley home and marched to the church. In the procession were Mayor Walker, Tammany Leader O'Leary, Surrogate Foley, Appellate Division Justices McAvoy and Wagner; Supreme Court Justice Levy, General Sessions, Judge Rosalsky, Borough President Miller and a host of others. The street was black with people in all walks of life. Interment, which was private, was in Calvary Cemetery.

2 Tots Beg Haven, Say Accused Dad Tied, Beat Them

Baring bruised backs and pleading not to be sent home, Anna Palmeri, 11, and her 9-year-old brother, Tony, testified in Jefferson Market Court today to the brutality of Rosio Pinzoto, their step-father.

"If we go home he'll beat us again," little Anna sobbed. "He ties us to a window sill and whips us with a knotted rope."

Frank Cotillo, agent for the Children's Society, who arrested Pinzoto on assault charges, declared the prisoner, besides abusing the children, had failed to provide for them.

"Let us go back to the Children's Society," lisped Tony. "They are kind to us there. It is the best home we ever had."

Both children exhibited livid welts on their backs and limbs.

Riot Follows Film Fire In Which 50 Perished

LIMERICK, IRELAND, Sept. 7.—Driven to hysteria by grief over the cremation and crushing to death of at least 50 friends and relatives, crowds today stoned the store of Patrick W. Ford, owner of the wooden motion picture theater building in the village of Drumcollie, which burned and collapsed Sunday night.

Ford was unable to protect his property as he was detained by police, together with Patrick Downing of Cork, the operator of the projection machine. Its films are believed to have been ignited by a carelessly placed cigarette.

The dead total more than 50 and the injured above 70.

Forty-nine bodies have been taken from the ruins. Only three could be identified. They were burned beyond recognition.

The people are aroused because of the use of the building for a motion picture show. Ingress and egress was possible only up and down a ladder-like stairway. This collapsed as the trapped moviegoers fought to get on it. Finally the undersupports gave way and the entire building fell in, hurling victims into a seething incinerator.

THE WEATHER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1926



LOCAL—Fair tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight; moderate northwest winds. EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler tonight; moderate northwest winds, becoming variable. Hour, Temp, Weather, Barom, Wind. 12 a. m., 68 Cloudy 30.06 SW. 16 1 a. m., 68 Cloudy 30.07 SW. 20 4 a. m., 68 Pt. cloudy 30.08 NW. 18 6 a. m., 67 Pt. cloudy 30.09 NW. 18 8 a. m., 69 Pt. cloudy 30.10 NW. 18 10 a. m., 72 Cloudy 30.13 NW. 18